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REGISTRATION AND TITLE BULLETIN # 56-00

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Title Transactions Involving Vehicles With Expired Registration

PURPOSE

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the change to the Registration and Title System (RTS) affected by Version Release 4.1.4 when processing a title application for a vehicle with expired registration.

DETAILS

Upon receipt of Version 4.1.4, some features, such as immediate receipt print for multiple or linked transactions will be available immediately. The HB 89 features will not be effective statewide until July 22, 2000. This will give you time to notify dealers of the change and to manage any backlog of title transactions. The HB 89 changes allow the clerk to select valid reason, invalid reason, or citation/charge penalty when transferring title on an unregistered vehicle. Version 4.1.4 will also allow the month of expiration imported through the DTA disk to be reflected on the vehicle record in the master file (current version does not allow the established month to be changed).

ACTION

After July 22, 2000, all title transactions involving unregistered vehicles should be processed in accordance with HB 89 requirements.

All DTA disks dated after July 22, 2000, should contain vehicles that have been charged 12 months registration from the date of transfer, if the vehicle was unregistered. In this instance, a new month of expiration will be established. The system will recognize DTA transactions dated prior to July 22 and will accept a prorated fee on backlogged transactions.

API, one of the original DTA vendors has dropped the entire DTA product. Subsequently, there is no way to determine how many of their former dealers may still be using their product without support. Dealers who are still using API will be adversely impacted by the HB 89 implementation if they are doing title transfers on vehicles with expired registrations. You may wish to inform your dealers who may still be using API that they should either look for new DTA software, or handle title transfers involving HB 89 outside of DTA.

Until July 22, 2000, counties may use the RTS as it is currently programmed which will result in registration fees being prorated or they may continue with the work around procedure to allow for a 12-month registration period.

VTR CONTACTS

If you have any questions, please contact your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office or the VTR Customer Help Desk at 1-877-933-2020. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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